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IRG Operations Key Messages – February 19, 2022

Opening

- Good afternoon.
- As I always do, I'll start with a caveat requesting that there be no onward sharing of operational details.
- This is so important this weekend in Ottawa, as we need to avoid commenting publicly on policing plans and responses until the situation is resolved.
- As with yesterday, I'm prepared to provide an update on operations in Ottawa and in other areas across the country. I'll also provide some additional details about our ongoing actions under the Emergency Measures Act as well.

Ottawa

- The operation to dismantle the protest in Ottawa continues, and progress is being made.
- Before I get into details, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the scale of efforts on the ground and behind the scenes.
- As noted yesterday, hundreds of police officers from across Ontario and Canada have been deployed to Ottawa and many others on standby. And many others behind the scene on a 24/7 basis.
- Resources from my own organization have been pulled from across the country to support this and other operations. They have been deployed where they are needed most quickly and effectively. I'm grateful for the flexibility the RCMP model enables, now more than ever.
- An incredible amount of work from all partners has gone into developing and executing the operations.
- The operation is focused on first attending to protestors, followed by the removal heavy trucks that are blocking the streets.
- Our plan is organized and methodical, centering on a professional response with police officers that are prepared to approach the situation in a way that does not inflame or cause further volatility and violence. The professionalism exhibited by officers on the ground is commendable.
- All means of de-escalation are being used. This includes the use of mounted officers who were deployed to create a safe distance between the police line and protestors.
- The operation will continue around the clock until the city has been returned to its citizens. As streets are cleared by police officers, city employees are following behind to clear debris and bring about some semblance of normalcy.
- We have recently seen an increase in the level of aggression on the part of some protestors, including minor injuries to a police officer who was struck by a

vehicle, several reports of gas canisters being thrown by protestors, and reports of protestors filling water bottles with accelerant.

- There are also indications that protestors are also attempting to get into the secure area by presenting/disguising themselves as media and paramedics.
- As a result of all of this, the police response has increased, with public order units and tactical teams now wearing helmets and carrying batons.
- Access to the downtown core remains secured with police checkpoints in place to ensure only individuals with legitimate reasons to be there are admitted. The Alexandria, Portage, Chaudière bridges are closed to Ottawa-bound traffic.
- Several vehicles have either departed on their own or been removed by police resources. As of earlier this morning, OPS is reporting that, **38** commercial vehicles have been towed.
- The intersection of Rideau and Sussex has been cleared, with fencing put up to secure the area. Fencing is also in place on the south side of Sparks Street.
- Wellington Street has been cleared up to the main gates of Parliament Hill. The crane on Wellington will be dismantled and removed with other stationary vehicles.
- Once Wellington is clear, four sites remain. There are reports of vehicles leaving in the remaining sites.
- Several children have been seen among the protestors and there is a plan in place to ensure their safety.
- OPS has reported at least **170 arrests**. This includes the arrests of key organizers as reported extensively in the media. Specifically:
 - Tamara Lich who was arrested on Thursday and charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief. We've heard that her bail hearing has been moved until Tuesday.

- Chris Barber was arrested yesterday and charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobeying a court order and Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstructing Police.
 - He was released on bail yesterday with the condition that he must leave Ottawa within 24 hours, leave Ontario by February 23, and to abstain from publicly endorsing the convoy or have contact with the organizers.
- Pat King was also arrested and charged with Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order (s.127), Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police. Open source reporting indicates that his bail hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday.
- **Personal Info.** a former RCMP member is included in these arrests after turning himself in to the police. He has since been released with no conditions.
- As for the remaining individuals arrested, charges range from mischief to assaulting a police officer.
- Counter-protests are planned for Parliament Hill and OPS Headquarters today.
- A protest is scheduled with between 65-165 participants at 131 Laurier in Gatineau this afternoon.
- Finally, we are also tracking several convoys en route to Ottawa, including those leaving from St. Jerome, QC, Fort McMurray, AB, Toronto, and Peterborough. The Ministry of Transport is monitoring highway 417 closure checkpoints.
- The OPP **is monitoring trucks and personal vehicles that left the downtown core** and are now staging outside of the city. Specifically:
 - last night approximately 20-30 vehicles were parked in an Embrun parking lot; and,
 - multiple vehicles were stopped in Arnprior. Police Liaison teams have worked with convoy leaders to advise fellow participants not to attend this location.

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Emergency Economic Measure Order – Banks

- With respect to the emergency economic measures in Ottawa, as of 2:20, I can report that **56** entities (**17** individuals and **39** vehicles, including owner/driver information) has been disclosed to:
 - banks;
 - the Canadian Bankers Association;
 - the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC);
 - the Canadian Securities Administration (CSA);
 - Credit Unions; and
 - the Mutual Fund Dealers Association.
 - A total of **169** accounts (financial products) have or are about to be frozen. This includes, **164** that have or are about to be frozen and **5** that were proactively frozen.
 - This includes a financial institution proactively freezing the account of a payment processor to a value of \$3.8M.
- After much internal discussion and with our partners at OPP and OPS, a decision has been taken to publicly release this data. We appreciate the need for transparency and have factored the public release into our operational plans.
 - The information was to be released by OPS at the press conference earlier this afternoon, but it did not happen. Though we have shared the media lines across Government and are making them public
- We are also communicating with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police advise of the freezing of assets and the impact this might have on individuals and companies. Financial institutions may experience increased concerns of physical safety and security.

Operations across Canada

- Demonstrations continue across the country. I would however that no port of entry blockades have been reported.
- In Quebec, efforts continue to secure the Lacolle port of entry with the Sûreté du Québec. Additional resources have been provided, but the latest info we have from around 9AM is that activities planned at the port of entry have been cancelled.
- Convoys are anticipated over the weekend in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia.
- For the third weekend now, several large convoys are expected to arrive in Edmonton today. The RCMP is assisting the Edmonton Police Service.
- In response to a large convoy headed to the Pacific Highway, the Pacific Highway Port of Entry has been proactively closed in Surrey, British Columbia. 176th Street is closed to all traffic at 8th Avenue.
- In Windsor, we understand that protestors plan to return to the Ambassador Bridge in response to the situation in Ottawa. As of 10:00 this morning, the bridge remains open, with traffic freely flowing. The injunction prohibits individuals establishing a blockade or impeding access to the bridge.
- Demonstrations are planned at the Peace Bridge Port of Entry and at the Great Canadian Flag at the Windsor Waterfront.
- There are social media posts encouraging a blockade of the Cornwall Port of Entry due to police actions in Ottawa and Windsor. As of 10:00 this morning, the Port of Entry is clear and remains open.

If Asked Re Bomb Threat Only

- I am aware of a bomb threat reported last weekend in Windsor. A tactical and K9 team from the Windsor Police responded and identified the caller

and deemed the threat to be non-credible. The Windsor Police is leading the investigation and we are not yet aware if charges have been laid.

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Opening

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- As always, I'll start with a caveat requesting that there be no onward sharing of operational details.
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Ottawa

- Before I update on the latest, I'd like to acknowledge the leaked Whats App chat between members of the RCMP's Musical Ride.
- We're looking into the incident, but I can assure you that we take these allegations very seriously. I want to be clear – this is not the kind of conduct that we expect of our Members.
- Our Professional Responsibility Officer has been engaged and we have issued media lines.
- On to operations: an incredible amount of progress has been made to further dismantle the protest in Ottawa.
- The majority of sites in Ottawa are now clear, with the intersections of Mackenzie and Rideau, Rideau and Sussex, and Nicholas at the University of Ottawa all free of demonstrators and vehicles. Vehicles have also been cleared from Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway and Kent street.
- Most significantly, Wellington Street is free of protestors and vehicles, with a perimeter in place at Elgin Street and Queen Street.
- OPS is publicly reporting a total of **191 arrests** with **389 charges laid** - ranging from mischief to assaulting a police officer - since the operation began. This includes the arrests of key organizers as reported extensively in the media. Specifically:
 - George Billings was arrested yesterday and has been charged with Mischief and Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police, and Obstruct Police. He's scheduled to appear in court today.
 - Tamara Lich – charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief – her bail hearing will resume on Tuesday.
 - Pat King – charged with Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order

(s.127), Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police – has a bail hearing scheduled for Tuesday.

- Smoke grenades and fireworks were located in the vehicle of one of the protestors who was arrested last night.
- We also have reports that a mid-range impact weapon was deployed by a police officer yesterday, and that a protestor was injured in a separate occurrence. Ontario's Special Investigations Unit has invoked their mandate regarding both incidents.
- OPS is reporting that **79** vehicles have been removed from the secure zone. Vehicles are being held for 7 days before they can be picked up. In addition:
 - Licence plates have been seized from **22 vehicles**;
 - **11** Commercial Vehicle Operator Registrations have been suspended for Ontario truck drivers; and,
 - **10** commercial drivers from other provinces will be impacted by sanctions under the *Ontario Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.
- The focus for today will be clearing protestors south of Wellington and reinforcing the barriers of the secure zone.
- The secure zone now covers: Bronson to the Rideau Canal; the Ottawa River to Highway 417; Bay to Elgin; and the Ottawa River to Sparks.
- Public order units will be focusing on community policing, but will continue to wear hard tactical gear.
- As of 3:00, these units are monitoring gatherings at the War Museum (approximately 100 people), and Confederation Park (approximately 15-30 people).
- I think it's important to share that intelligence suggests that some protestors may be staying in the secure zone. We're monitoring and following up.

s.16(1)(a)

- However, this is a good reminder that just because the streets are being cleared, it does not mean that this operation is over. There is still much left to do.
- With respect to the emergency economic measures, as of 2:20, I can report that **57** entities (**18** individuals and **39** vehicles, including owner/driver information) has been disclosed to:
 - banks;
 - the Canadian Bankers Association;
 - the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC);
 - the Canadian Securities Administration (CSA);
 - Credit Unions; and
 - the Mutual Fund Dealers Association.
- A total of **206** accounts (financial products) have or are about to be frozen. This includes, **196** that have or are about to be frozen and **10** that were proactively frozen.
- We know that the public is interested in this information, and just yesterday we posted it on our blockade website. It will be updated as appropriate.
- Away from the downtown core, demonstrators have begun to dismantle the site at Coventry. They've said that they need two to three days to leave.
- The OPP continues to monitor sites in Metcalfe, Vars, Vanleek Hill, Arnprior and Embrun. s.13(1)(c)
- I have raised the scale of this enforcement action over the last two days, but to put more numbers around it: I can report that 1,184 RCMP personnel have been deployed from across Canada to assist with the situation in Ottawa.
- Of these, 660 have been deployed in a frontline capacity. This wouldn't have been possible without the flexibility the RCMP model allows.

Operations across Canada

- Demonstrations and convoys continued across the country yesterday, with more expected today.
- Ports of entry and provincial/territorial legislatures remain key targets for demonstrations. As of this morning, all ports of entry are open.
- The Pacific Highway Port of Entry in Surrey, British Columbia was reopened last night. A small demonstration remained peaceful overnight.
- There was a major demonstration at the National Assembly in Quebec City yesterday with thousands of participants. A secure zone has been established and at least four arrests were made. We expect the demonstration to continue today.
- Protests are planned in Toronto, and large sections of downtown are blocked to vehicular traffic.

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From Tom Carrique: EOD (End of Day) Status Update

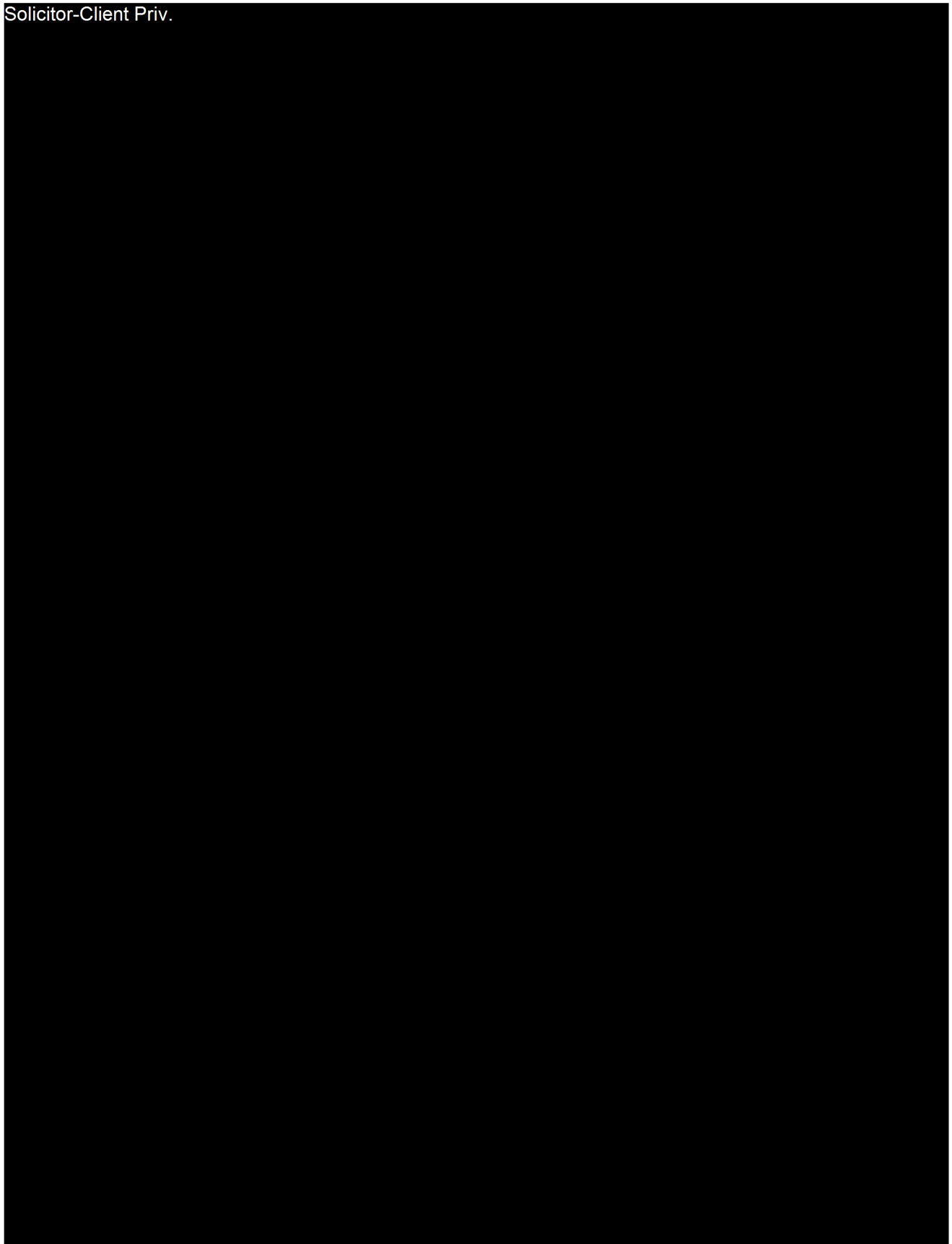
Ottawa:

- RCMP and OPP Command met with OPS Interim Chief Steve Bell and A/Deputy Chief Ferguson. Chief Bell accepted the offer from the OPP and RCMP to establish a unified command team (OPS Chief, OPP D/Commissioner and RCMP D/Commissioner) to oversee the operations in Ottawa. They will provide strategic direction to the operational commanders and subject matter experts executing the operational plan. Purposefully selected from within the RCMP, OPP, TPS, YRP, WRP & PRP, the integrated team includes a forensic psychologist, who specializes in crowd dynamics; critical incident commanders; public order commanders; and, experts in planning, logistics and the use of liaison officers in negotiations. Operating in parallel, is a joint forces multi-jurisdictional criminal investigation.
- PLT is focused on voluntarily exiting demonstrators to reduce the footprint in Ottawa. The new Critical Infrastructure and Highways regulation, along with the declaration of Exclusion Zones under the Emergency Act, will assist PLT and be relied upon for enforcement.
- The strategic priorities are to prevent the attendance of further convoys/blockades; noticeably reduce the footprint currently occupied by demonstrators, ultimately leading to the clearing of all blockades, and the securing of critical infrastructure, including roadways and highways.
- The strategic priorities will be accomplished under the direction of the critical incident commanders, who apply the theory of Necessary / Risk Effective / Acceptable to their critical operational decision making to prioritize safety.
- Today, there were no crowds on Parliament Hill and minimal protestors on Wellington Street or in the surrounding areas.
- Approx 354 vehicles remain in the downtown core. PLT's messaging and their operational objectives were negatively impacted today by the Mayor of Ottawa tweeting that the movement of CMV will continue over several days.
- OPS will take the lead on any announcements regarding the change-in-command with OPS today and the unified/integrated command moving forward.

Provincial:

- The Ambassador Bridge has fully re-opened in Windsor and nearby routes are clear and controlled by police.
- Blue Water Bridge & HWY #402 – All vehicles blocking Highway 402 have been moved. The highway is clear.
- The QEW and Peace Bridge remain open and traffic is normal.
- North West Region – OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

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